ABSTRACT

A carrier includes an enclosure portion formed substantially from polycarbonate plastic. Selected portions of the enclosure have an outer surface portion formed substantially from a plastic material having a Fire Propagation Index of not greater than 9.0 $(m/s^{1/2})(kW/m)^{-2/3}$. Suitable plastic materials include polyimide, polyether imide, polyamide imide, polyketone, polyetherketone, polyetheretherketone, polyetherketoneketone, polyether sulphone, and polytetrafluoroethylene. A carrier enclosure according to the invention may have significant portions formed from relatively low-cost, easily formable, transparent polycarbonate. Much higher cost fire resistive polymer materials may be selectively positioned on the enclosure where necessary to impact spread of fire on the carrier and to other adjacent carriers.